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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from 50 millions of dollars the present authorised capital of the Company to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be forthwith increased from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of \$70 on the term after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day on which the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 28th day of May, 1921, Shareholders shall respectively be the registered Holders and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows viz:—

1st instalment of £35 on the 1st of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of £35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the instalment, and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owner of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the date when the same become due, and that registered Holders of Scrip Certificate for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

10. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 55th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to the 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.45 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

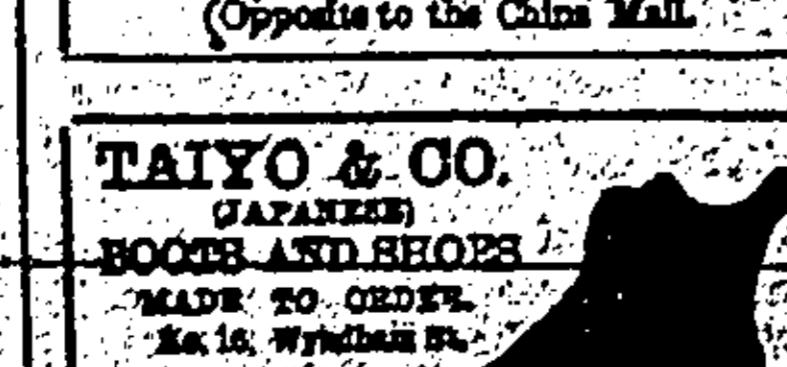
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A MEETING convened by H. E. THE General Officer Commanding, Sir G. M. KIRKPATRICK, K. C. B., C. S. I. S. L. on THURSDAY, April 21st, 1921, at 8 P.M. in the CITY HALL, Hongkong, was unanimously decided to form an Ex-Servicemen Association in Hongkong and China under the title of:—

"THE BRITISH LEGION."

Hongkong & China Branch, which it is hoped all Ex-Servicemen, of whatever rank will join.

A pamphlet setting out the objects of the Legion and forms of application for Membership and Associate Membership may be had on application to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,

"BRITISH LEGION,"
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Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

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Hump-Salt—Ngan Tin ... Ib. 18

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Liver—Ngan Kan ... Ib. 15

Live—Ngan Kan ... Ib. 15

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Calves' Head and Feet—Ngan-tai ... Ib. 20

Calves' Brains—Ngan-tai ... Ib. 10

Mutton Chop—Young Pai Kwai Ib. 33

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MOODIE—On May 6, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Moodie, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DE JAUERIAS—ANTIPENKO—On May, 6, 1921, at Shanghai, China, R. Aubin de Jaurias to Lydia Antipenko.

DEATHS.

JACKSON—On May 7, 1921, at Shanghai, William Sanford Jackson, aged 64 years.

DE SOUZA—On May 8, 1921, at Shanghai, Mrs. Maria Rosario Alva dos Remedios de Souza, aged 43 years, beloved wife of E. M. de Souza and mother of three sons resident in Hongkong, and one daughter resident in Shanghai.

The China Mail.

CHINA MAIL, POSTAGE PAID SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1921.

RENT RESTRICTION.

We already have rent restriction in Hongkong, in the case of houses erected with Government money loaned for the purpose. The principle is therefore admitted. The Governor some time ago publicly announced that in certain circumstances he would give us a law restricting rents to a fair standard. The time has come to ascertain whether or not those circumstances are already with us. A correspondent mooted the topic for us in yesterday's *China Mail*, and advanced arguments in favour of rent restriction. The public meeting last night discussed the new

high, as they are, these impositions, even when small, are the more bitterly resented. Every extra fraction of a dollar unnecessarily added is the proverbial "last straw." They are, however, commonly not small, but serious enough to amount to a grave "squeeze." In one case reported to us, and supported by documentary evidence, a Kowloon landlord, giving the new tax as his reason for raising the rent, coolly proposed to take an extra profit of four dollars a month on the new tax. We recommended the aggrieved tenant in that case to lay the facts before the Government for their information, consideration, and necessary action. If such cases were uncommon we could understand the Government's procrastination. It seems to shrink from intervention in this matter, though it barges in fast enough in others where more deliberation would be wise. They are not rare. It is not likely that all the aggrieved tenants in Hongkong tell their troubles to the *China Mail*, yet we have listened to so many that we are convinced there is enough of this grasping grab, squeeze, and profiteering to warrant, and necessitate, official restriction of rent charges. We trust that His Excellency, The Governor, just returned to the Colony, may be induced to regard this matter as one demanding the first claim on his attention.

ABOUT THE ASHES.

The decisive character of their victory over Surrey—traditionally one of the most formidable of the County cricket teams—makes it evident that the transference of the relocatable Australians to the old country has been marked by no perceptible loss of form. Rather does it appear that they have benefited by the change and that the Home defenders will only be able to turn the tables by concentrating every effort upon the task of putting a super-energetic wag into the lamentably inert batton tail that spelled defeat for them in the Antipodes.

When the Englishmen went out to Australia they were thought to constitute the strongest batting team that the old country had produced but even then it was obvious that there was a definite caudal appendage. Therein, it would seem, lies the difference between the English side and the Australians who suffer from such handicap but can bat, and bat well, right down the eleventh man in the team. The visiting batsmen are a varied lot. They range from the brilliant Macartney to the sound and steady Collins and the seemingly impregnable Kelleway. Then there are the two slashing left-handers, Bardsley and Gregory, both of whom have a reputation for fierce hitting. The men from down under are capable fieldsmen and it appears likely that if there be any chink in the Australian armour it will be found to exist in regard to their bowling. Gregory, a wonderful all round player, is a first class bowler with a fast, well pitched ball that proves highly dangerous. Nailey trundles a difficult sort of googly. Armstrong, the Australian to be skipper, is also a circumstance to be reckoned with and his performance against Surrey, when he captured 12 wickets at the small cost of 77 runs disclosed him to be at the top of his bowling form. Apart, however, from the triumvirate referred to the Australian bowling, on an ordinary wicket, is not likely to reach the brilliant standard of their batting.

P. F. Warner is a cricketing authority whose opinion on the subject of the Home team's chances of recovering the Ashes is worth quoting. In the course of an interesting article which appeared recently in the *Times* he says: "We shall have to try and find another Barnes. Our present hard wicket bowling is by no means strong enough. On a soft wicket Rhodes and Woolley would get any side out for less than 100 runs. The Australian soft wicket bowling is rather an unknown quantity." According to some critics it was very bad indeed during the second second test match (in Australia) but we cannot really judge until we see them on a characteristic sun-baked English wicket. We shall sooner see the test matches played on hard wickets throughout and I do not think that England would disgrace herself."

Despite the very desponding comments that have been written about English cricket there will be many to agree with Mr. Warner that there is really no need for us to get upset about it. "It is not the first time that England has been beaten by Australia," "Plum" points out "and it is my view that England's defeat will give a great fillip to international cricket, and especially to the series of test matches against Australia which is to be played in this country in a few months' time."

Any rate whatever may be the result of the titanic struggle shortly to begin it is certain that the progress of the tests will be watched with an interest that will be no less keen in the case of us who are dependent for our news upon the vagaries of friend Reuter than it

will be on the part of those many thousands of favoured mortals who will push their eager way through the turnstiles at Lord's or the Oval.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two fatal cases of small-pox, both Chinese, were reported yesterday.

Mr. John Robertson of the a.s. "Chin Sang" has passed his examination as second class engineer.

Among the passengers who arrived by the C.P.O.S. "Empress of Japan" this morning was Sir Ellis Kadoorie.

For allowing his pony to run about on Kennedy Road unattended, a Chinese summoned before Magistrate Lindsell this morning by Sergeant Eason, was fined \$5.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B. left Shanghai on Monday on board H.M.S. "Alacrity" for Wei-hai-wei. H.M.S. "Carline" also sailed for the same destination.

For failing to notify her agent of her marriage a young bride in Pootung was beaten to death by the former, states the Chinese press. The aunt is now under arrest.

Passengers by the C.P.O.S. "Empress of Japan" which arrived here this morning included subjects of the following countries—America, Britain, China, Brazil, France, Holland, Japan, and Malaya.

We are asked to state that the Raffle for the late Mr. Vanstone's Piano and Gramophone resulted as follows:—1st Prize (Piano), C. Sterling, ticket 260; 2nd Prize (Gramophone and 50 Records), W. Ward, ticket 201.

The Chinese press states that the Peking Government is preparing a memorandum of the losses sustained by Chinese merchants through depreciation in the value of roubles. When this has been prepared a bill will be submitted to the Russian Government for recovery of the same.

There are 335 companies registered in the Straits, a hundred and six of them relating to planting and 12 to mining. Forty-six companies were registered in Singapore in 1920 with a nominal capital of \$66 millions and 27 in Penang with a nominal capital of seventeen millions.

Peking reports state that a loan for \$5,000,000 is being negotiated by the Peking Government who offer the Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works as security. \$2,000,000 will be used as the Ministry of Navy's share, \$2,000,000 for the payment of salaries due to the men of the navy, and \$1,000,000 as a capital for the Fisheries Bank.

Wit and skill combined to an admirable degree give a grace and finish to the performances of the "Merry Wizard," Mr. Percy Abbott, and his charming partner, Miss Mildred Sydney, who are at present appearing with great success at different clubs and entertainments in the Colony. This talented couple leave shortly for Shanghai and are assured of a warm welcome on their return to Hongkong.

A Chinese woman living in Hongkong was yesterday the victim of an old confidence trick played on her by two men whom she met opposite the Po Hing Theatre in Gascoigne Road. The men who, claimed to be strangers, asked her to change a roll of "notes" for them, and persuaded her to part with a pair of gold mounted rattan bangles and two rings, valued at \$37, as security. Not until she reached the money-changers did she discover the fraud.

The Marconi International Maritime Communication Company have issued the following circular to their operators and shipmasters are earnestly requested to co-operate:—Operations employed on board ships trading to the Far East will note that arrangements have been made to transmit from the Cape d'Aguilar (Hongkong) Radiotelegraph Station to ships at sea a summary of meteorological conditions and weather forecasts. In return ships will forward meteorological observations through the Cape d'Aguilar Station to the Royal Observatory, Hongkong.

Rangoon's population shows an increase of 40,000 on the last census—so the house shortage is not so unaccountable and mysterious after all. However, the worst conditions here are not so bad as those reported from some of the Indian cities, notably Calcutta, which are positive harrowing. There was only one legal case arising out of the census operations. In it Mr. McCarty was brought to Court in connection with some few remarks he addressed to the census who visited his house. The case was very unusual but the complaint was withdrawn much to the disappointment of those who were enjoying the fun.

SPECIAL CABLES.**SHANGHAI COUNCIL.****CHINESE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.****[China Mail SPECIAL.]****SHANGHAI, May 12.**

The Chinese advisory committee attended for the first time a meeting of the Municipal Council. They were heartily welcomed and invited to cooperate in affairs affecting the Chinese.

A MEMORABLE VISIT.**[China Mail SPECIAL.]****SHANGHAI, May 12.**

Sir Beily Astor on Wednesday departed for Peking after a memorable visit.

STRAITS STRIKE ENDS.**[China Mail SPECIAL.]****SINGAPORE, May 12.**

The local fitters' strike is ending. A number of fitters returned to work at the Harbour Board to-day.

NEW STEAMER.**LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON.****INTERESTING CEREMONY.**

A successful launch of a new steamer took place this morning from the shipbuilding ways of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s premises at Kowloon Docks.

The vessel, sister ship to the "Hektor" which was launched last February, has been built to the order of Messrs. Brunsgaard Kielerud and Co. of Drammen, Norway, and under the supervision of their Superintendent, Captain Ivar Sjøqvist.

The launching ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, the wife of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., the vessel being christened "Hellen" as she left the ways.

After the ceremony the company adjourned to the offices of the Company where the usual toasts were honoured.

The principal dimensions are as follows, viz.—

Length between perpendiculars 400 feet, breadth moulded 52 feet, depth moulded to Upper Deck 31 feet, between decks 8 feet, erections 7 feet 6 inches.

A total deadweight of 8,500 tons

will be carried on a mean draft of 25 feet 6 inches, the speed loaded being eleven knots per hour.

Propelling machinery constructed by the builders is amidships and of 3,100 indicated horse power, consisting of one set of triple expansion surface-condensing engines having cylinders 27x47.73 inches diameter x 48 inches stroke, steam at

150 lbs working pressure under forced draught being supplied by three cylindrical return-tube boilers of 15 feet 6 inches diameter x 11 feet 6 inches long.

The engine and boiler room outfit includes a Weir's D.C. heater and Weir's main feed pump, independent centrifugal circulating pump, also general service, ballast, and winch condenser pumps.

Unusual in cargo steamers is the

See's Ash, Ejector and Ash Ejector pump installed for disposal of ashes from the stokehold.

The coal bunkers are of large capacity, and provision has been made for carrying oil fuel throughout the double bottom in accordance with Lloyd's requirements, the vessel having been specially surveyed during construction by Messrs. Gardner and Morrison, local representatives for Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

That again is subject to the safeguard that where the Governor takes that unusual course he has to report the matter forthwith to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. That is the kind of safeguard we refer to in the third resolution, we ask that there be an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided by the constitution of Ceylon. We do not see why we should not be treated with the same trust and confidence in this matter as the colony of Ceylon; we claim to be equally loyal; we claim to be in the great war we, in this colony, bore our part, also in men, money, and even land, in the great struggle. (Applause.) We think that the cause we are trying to forward is worthy of support. (Applause.)

I believe this question is sometimes sidetracked by people who say, "What do you want with an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council?"

What do you want with a municipal council?

One reason is that the Legislative Council in Hongkong is to a very great extent a municipal council and performs those functions in a large measure.

The way in which public works expenditure on purely municipal matters has risen in the last year or two is astonishing.

In 1920 (Mr. Pollock remarked) expenditure for public works extraordinary was only \$2 millions out of \$4 millions.

For 1921, the expenditure under this head was nearly \$5 millions out of \$14 millions, so that expenditure on public works extraordinary had doubled.

But to this must be added \$630,000, personal emoluments, and \$40,000 for public works recurrent; also over half-a-million dollars voted for the Sanitary Department which might be considered a municipal department.

Thus, 7 millions out of 14 millions, or 50 per cent. of the revenue for 1921 were spent on the P.W.D. and the Sanitary Department.

He did not think those who

suggested that the Council had nothing to do with municipal matters, and that the Association ought not to move for a reform of the Council, but for a municipal council, had made out a good case.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.**ASSOCIATION CALLS PUBLIC MEETING.****DEMAND FOR AN UNOFFICIAL MAJOR TY.****PETITION TO BE PRESENTED TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

official views to which attention may or may not be paid at the discretion of the Government. The real work of the officials lies outside the Council as unofficial advisers to the Government, and of this the public knows nothing. Its ostensible function as a deliberative assembly is merely one of form and not of substance.

They go on to say;

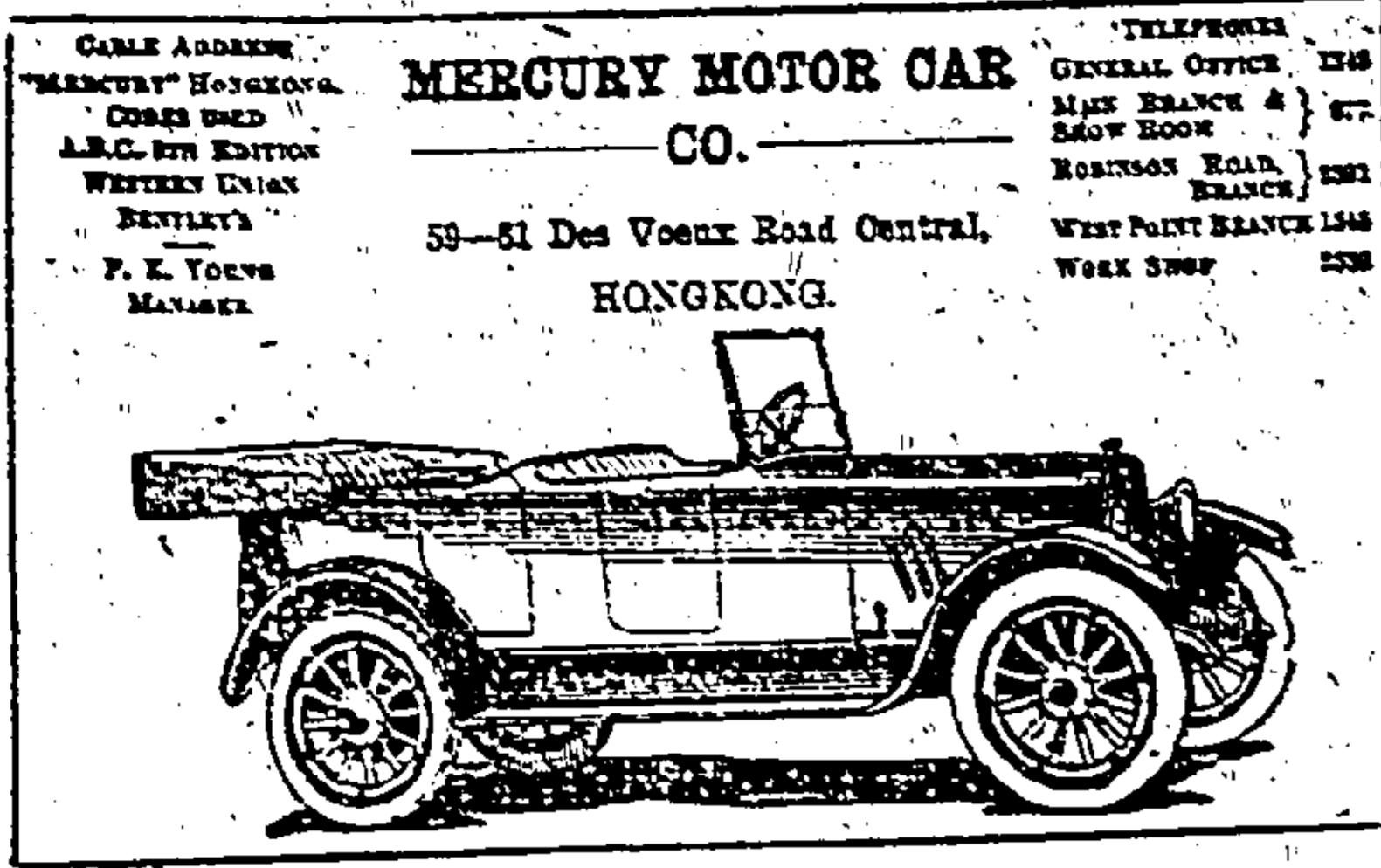
Secondly, we are of opinion that it does not arouse public interest and inspire confidence. The main reasons for this we consider to be (a) that the population has no voice in the appointment of its members, (b) that the unofficial membership is not able to keep in touch with the views of certain sections of the population, (c) the Council procedure with an official majority results in the identification of the official members with the Government rather than with the public. We consider that the first step in inducing public interest in the proceedings of the Council is that the official majority should be abandoned.

I think that report is a very striking confirmation of our hopes, which are that we shall also obtain, in due course, an unofficial majority in this Colony because we have Ceylon with an unofficial majority already obtained and a committee recommending one in the Straits Settlements. Therefore I see no reason why Hongkong need despair. In the official mind at home these three Eastern colonies are considered to be more or less on one plan; and why should the solitary exception to a general rule be made in the case of the loyal inhabitants of Hongkong?

The fourth resolution is that a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for support in securing these changes in the Legislative Council. We are practically driven to this course. We have received replies from two different Secretaries of State, one in answer to the petition of 1916 and the other to resolutions passed in January, 1919, at a public meeting.

In neither of these replies has there been vouchsafed to us a single reason for not granting a measure of constitutional reform. I tried recently in the Legislative Council to elicit whether that could really be so that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had given no reason in his despatch, and the answer was that he had given none. Under these circumstances we propose to revert to the procedure of 1914 when a petition was sent to the House of Commons asking for a more representative form of Government, and it is our hope that this petition will be widely signed in the case of the Straits Settlements.

The third resolution is that there be an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided by the constitution of Ceylon. We do not see why we should not be treated with the same trust and confidence in this matter as the colony of Ceylon; we claim to be equally loyal; we claim to be in the great war we, in this colony



HOME ITEMS.

By an Order in Council, published in the London Gazette, the importation of firearms, including parts, and of ammunition, including bombs, grenades and other similar missiles, is prohibited.

It is officially reported in Dublin that Mr. John Cathcart, a Protestant manager of Paisley and Co., Youghal, co. Cork, was shot dead by armed civilians, who broke into his house. Near the body was found a piece of paper with the words, "Convicted spy. Informers, beware."

The estimated amount of rates per head of population in England and Wales for the current financial year, according to a reply given by Dr. Addison to a question in the Commons, is £3 19s. 1d.

A report issued from Dublin Castle states that an unknown man, apparently a tramp, aged 30, was found shot dead near Kenmare, co. Kerry. He was blindfolded, his hands were tied behind his back, and there was a card attached to him bearing the words, "All spies, beware.—I.R.A."

As a result of a search of the headquarters of the Sinn Fein propagandists in Dublin, the police seized several tons of files, books and seditious literature.

An interesting action in the Melbourne High Court is being tried in which Messrs. Blackie, the publishers, are seeking to restrain the Lothian Book Publishing Company from publishing an Australasian edition of Shakespeare's "Henry VI." on the ground that it infringed the copyright of the Warwick Shakespeare. The judge and counsel pored minutely over Holinshed's account of the creation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and other passages in the text, such as Henry's reply to the gift from the Dauphin of a carpet and tennis balls, which is particularly disputed.

Whilst a motor-car was being driven over the level crossing at Perpignan, France, an express train, going at full speed, dashed into it and smashed it to atoms. Five people who were in the motor were killed outright, their bodies being horribly mutilated. Those killed were M. Payra, aged 39, a publican, his wife, their two daughters, and a servant. The keeper of the crossing who failed to close the gates for the arrival of the express, has been arrested. An inquiry has been opened.

As the result of a plaint lodged by a big London bank the Paris police have arrested a man named Felix Suhrel on a charge of swindling, involving a sum of 100,000 francs.

WHY

IS "APRIL FOOL'S DAY" SO CALLED?

Both in England and on the Continent it is considered legitimate to make "April Fools" on the first day of April, and the practice naturally spread to America, just as did the beliefs surrounding "Ground-hog Day," "St. Swithin's Day," and other anniversaries. There is no reference to the custom, however, in early English literature, and it would appear that both England and Germany derived it from France, where the custom of "poissons d'Avril" or "April fish" has long been established, but a really adequate reason for the practice has yet to be discovered.

One theory traces it to an allusion to Noah's sending the dove out of the ark on its first fruitless errand. Another refers to the miracle plays representing the sending of Christ from Anna to Caiphas and from Plate to Herod, while still another claims that the festival is due to the change made in France, in 1564, of New Year's Day to January 1, which left April 1 without its former merry-making. Recently an attempt has been made to identify the custom with the Hindu festival of Holi, and it is worthy of note that in China the symbolic ploughing by the Emperor takes place during the month of April, and that in Japan the Feast of Dolls is kept in the same month. But, at best, these are merely conjectures, and even Walsh, in his exhaustive treatise on the "Curiosities of Popular Customs," admits that "of the origin of this custom nothing positive is known."

YESTERDAY'S PUBLIC MEETINGS.

THE NEXT STEP.

PUBLIC PETITION BEING PREPARED.

Asked by a *China Mail* reporter this morning if he would indicate what steps were being taken to give effect to the resolutions carried at yesterday's public meetings the Chairman of the Constitutional Reform Association (Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.) said that the protest against the proposed increase in house rates would be transmitted to the Government without delay.

Questioned in regard to the proposed petition to the House of Commons on the subject of constitutional reform, Mr. Pollock said that the committee of the CRA would commence at once upon the work of drafting the document which would afterwards be circulated for public signature.

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POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Sub-Inspector Wills, of No. 7, Police Station, with the unlawful possession on the first floor of No. 2, Muifong Street, West Point, of 96 lbs. tads of prepared non-Government opium, and 120 tads of raw opium.

The first man admitted ownership of all the drug, while Mr. R. E. Webster who appeared for the second denied all knowledge of the drug. Mr. Webster said that both men lived on the same floor, but his client, a fishmonger, went to work early in the morning and returned home late at night and did not know what happened during his absence.

After hearing the evidence the Magistrate discharged the second man and sentenced the first to six months' hard labour, \$5,000 fine, or, in default, a further six months.

The body of the Chinese youth who was carried out to sea by the flood near the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, at Quarry Bay, on Monday afternoon was washed ashore yesterday about 30 yards away from the spot where he fell in.

On Tuesday morning while a boat was at anchor in Kweilung Creek, Chinwan, the mast rope suddenly gave way and the sail collapsed. A *jok*, who was rendered unconscious, fell into the harbour and sank immediately. A dinghy was lowered but all efforts to recover the body failed.

Captain W. H. Calthrop, A.M.R.N., is to act as Master Attendant, and Lieutenant Commander C. A. Peal, R.N.R., as Deputy Master Attendant, Straits Settlements. Lieutenant C. J. Wilson is to act as Deputy Registrar of Shipping and Observer for Time Balls.

Having carefully made his plans beforehand a man yesterday entered a shop in Queen's Road Central and purchased seven dozen cotton singlets. When told that the singlets cost \$150, he said that he had not brought enough money, and asked that a *jok* be allowed to accompany him with the singlets to a house in Wingkong Street there to collect the money. The shop assistant carrying the purchase followed the man through several dark lanes until suddenly two or three men snatched the bundle and ran away. The supposed customer also made off.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship.

"SHIDUOKA MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Honkow and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 15th May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, May 12, 1921.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

WHITE MARKET.
THIS DEPARTMENT will be open for all purposes till Noon on MONDAY, the 15th May. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on that day.

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Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 15th instant.

Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 23rd May, 1921, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.

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Hongkong, May 12, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

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The CHAIRMAN: I am pleased to see that Mr. McGuigan, though not a member of our Association, is willing to go at least as far as the Association in fact, he would go even further in the direction of reform than we propose to go at present. No doubt the Committee of the C.R.A. will bear in mind all suggestions received with regard to constitutional reform. Our resolutions on this question are purposely framed to embody certain general principles, and I do not think there is anything in them in conflict with the proposition Mr. McGuigan has laid down.

Mr. McMICHAEL: What about the special representative of the Chamber of Commerce?

The CHAIRMAN: That is the only exception Mr. McGuigan can point out to us. I think—and in that respect I am more hopeful than Mr. McGuigan—that the cogent and well-reasoned arguments delivered, at this large and representative public meeting with weight with the Government.—(applause).—The Government, having listened reasonably to arguments as to the operation of the Stamp Bill, cannot logically refuse to listen and give due weight to these arguments.

As to how the Government is to make revenue and expenditure meet, the Colony is by no means in such a financial position as to render it necessary to impose this 7 per cent. increase of rates. At 7 per cent.—(applause).—The Government will still be reducing, from the sale of the old Post Office site, a large sum of money, probably one and a half and two million dollars. Furthermore, the Government has actually invested in Government stocks a reserve of nearly four and a half million dollars, so that it cannot be said that the Colony is on its best kick.

There is also the point referred to by my hon. friend, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, and I quite agree with him in thinking that the Government will be very agreeably surprised by the amount of revenue received from the Stamp Ordinance. I believe it will be a great deal more productive than the Government anticipated. Mr. McGuigan suggested that perhaps ought to propose to the Government some form of fresh taxation. I hardly intended to touch on that point, but as it has been raised, perhaps, I may mention one tax which seems to me an eminently fair one, tax on passengers coming into the Colony by ocean-going steamers. Such tax exists in the Philippine Islands, and it is easy of collection.

It is only a question of making a passenger pay a small sum when he takes his passage for Hongkong, and it is surely fair that the tourists who come to us and have the pleasure of going round the island and the New Territory on our motor roads should pay something towards the enjoyment of the view.—(applause).—Now, gentlemen, I think that the other points have been so fully and ably dealt with by other speakers that I need not enlarge on them, and I will put the resolution to the meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman invited any interested in the question of constitutional reform to remain for the annual meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association which followed immediately.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

HAYTIAN DELEGATION.

NEW YORK, May 11th. Mr. Denby, Secretary of the Navy, declares that the charges made by the Haytians against Americans in Hayti are "absolute nonsense," and have, repeatedly, been disproved.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

LONDON, May 11th. Herr von Stahmer called on Mr. Lloyd George and intimated Germany's unconditional acceptance of the ultimatum.

BRUSSELS, May 11th. The difficulties of forming a Cabinet, owing to party squabbles, were only solved by the threat of Herr Ebert to resign the presidency.

CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN.

London, May 11th. Prince Hirohito had a great reception in the City to-day, when he received an address of welcome from the Corporation at the Guildhall, and lunched with the Lord Mayor at Mansion House.

Prince Hirohito, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Prince Kuniaki, went in procession from Buckingham Palace, at noon, in bright sunshine, to the Guildhall. The streets were decorated and lined with cheering crowd. His Imperial Highness was received by the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and a distinguished company, including the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught, and the Cabinet Minister Mr. Short. Prince Hirohito's suite included Japanese Peers, members of the Japanese Embassy, officers of the Japanese Squadron and Japanese business men.

Replying to the Lord Mayor's most cordial speech of welcome, Prince Hirohito emphasised the tremendous responsibility of the survivors of the war to redeem the blood shed by millions of fellow-men by establishing for ever the reign of peace and justice. He paid a tribute to Great Britain, the faithful ally of Japan, whose friendship the Japanese had never found wanting in the great task of consolidating peace in the Orient.

HONGKONG INFANT DEATH RATE.

LONDON, May 11th. At a meeting of the National Council of Venereal Disease, at which the Mission to the Far East reported, Mrs. Neville Holt declared that she was never so ashamed of being an Englishwoman as when she was at Hongkong, where the registered infant death-rate was 300 higher than the birth-rate, despite a British occupation of 80 years.

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TATAMI MARU — Sunday, 22nd May.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

KAGATO MARU — End of May.

JAPAN PORTS — Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

MANGI MARU — Sunday, 2nd May, at 11 a.m.

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It is stated that a commission, composed of representatives of the American war, navy, commerce and state departments, the United States shipping board, and a delegate from the Philippine Government, will be assembled in Washington to settle the question of making Manila the American trade base in the Far East through the construction of additional docks and breakwaters.

Ramon Fernandez, Mayor of Manila, is considered the probable representative of the Philippine Government.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS**HONGKONG HOTEL****May 10.**

Adam — Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Anderson, John — Henry Ash — Mr. and Mrs. N. B. and Mrs. G. B. Mackay, George — Capt. & Mrs. Lettington, E. D. Boatman — Mr. and Mrs. M. Lord, R. Beckwith — Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Baker, T. B. — Mr. Marks, Mr. S. B. McCarthy — Mr. A. G. McNeil, D. Brock — G. Lyon, Capt. C. H. Maclean, Capt. Mr. W. B. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mr. Barton — Mr. and Mrs. F. Mooney and Mr. N. Cottrell child, Miss — Mr. H. M. O'Neill, Dr. Gleakin — Miss D. E. Peppell, Capt. R. M. — Capt. S. S. Perry, Capt. R. M. — Capt. S. S. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fortunato, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edes, Mr. C. B. Ross, Mr. W. Schaeffer, Mr. J. A. Seider, Capt. A. J. Scott, Mr. R. P. Scott, Capt. G. L. Smith, Miss E. H. de Steen, Sir Eric — Lady Mr. and Mrs. J. T. P. T. P. — Stuart Taylor, Mr. G. H. Taylor, Mr. H. A. Terrell, Mr. D. J. Ho, Miss E. M. Terrell, Mr. J. L. Ho, Mr. A. A. Turner, Mr. J. B. Ireland — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jacobs, Mr. E. A. Williams, Mr. R. S. James — Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams.

FROM CALCUTTA

May 10 — N. Y. K. — Muroran Maru, 22 — B. I.

FROM BOMBAY

May 21 — P. & O. — Alipore.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

May 21 — N. Y. K. — Tango Maru.

FROM VANCOUVER

May 19 — C. P. O. S. — Empress of Asia.

FROM SEATTLE

May 15 — W. L. — West Jetzer, 22 — A. L. — Wenatchee, 23 — A. L. — Abercrombie, 24 — B. F. — Edmore, 25 — B. F. — Talibybus, 26 — B. F. — Tyndallbus, 27 — B. F. — Protean, 28 — A. L. — Irion, 29 — B. F. — Talibybus, 30 — A. L. — Teocer, 31 — B. F. — Tyndallbus, 32 — B. F. — Tyndallbus, 33 — A. L. — Keystone State, 34 — B. F. — Tyndallbus, 35 — A. L. — Teocer, 36 — B. F. — Tyndallbus, 37 — A. L. — Tyndallbus.

FROM NEW YORK

May 19 — A. M. — Return — 14 — D. & Co. — Return.

FROM LONDON

May 14 — B. L. — Bendoran, 15 — C. L. — Glengyle, 16 — C. L. — Glengyle, 17 — P. & O. — Plassey, 18 — N. Y. K. — Kara Maru, 19 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 20 — G. L. — Kara Maru, 21 — N. Y. K. — Kara Maru, 22 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 23 — N. Y. K. — Kara Maru, 24 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 25 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 26 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 27 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 28 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 29 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 30 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 31 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 32 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 33 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 34 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 35 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 36 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 37 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 38 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 39 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 40 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 41 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 42 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 43 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 44 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 45 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 46 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 47 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 48 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 49 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 50 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 51 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 52 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 53 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 54 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 55 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 56 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 57 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 58 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 59 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 60 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 61 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 62 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 63 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 64 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 65 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 66 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 67 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 68 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 69 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 70 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 71 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 72 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 73 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 74 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 75 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 76 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 77 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 78 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 79 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 80 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 81 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 82 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 83 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 84 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 85 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 86 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 87 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 88 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 89 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 90 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 91 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 92 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 93 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 94 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 95 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 96 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 97 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 98 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 99 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 100 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 101 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 102 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 103 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 104 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 105 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 106 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 107 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 108 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 109 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 110 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 111 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 112 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 113 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 114 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 115 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 116 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 117 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 118 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 119 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 120 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 121 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 122 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 123 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 124 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 125 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 126 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 127 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 128 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 129 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 130 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 131 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 132 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 133 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 134 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 135 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 136 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 137 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 138 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 139 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 140 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 141 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 142 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 143 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 144 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 145 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 146 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 147 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 148 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 149 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 150 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 151 — P. & O. — Kara Maru, 152 — P. & O.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

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racial section of the community. It cannot deal with currency matters. It has no control whatever over imperial matters. Its jurisdiction is territorial, and a restricted territorial jurisdiction. It has no control over military lands and fortifications, or over the military or the navy—we do not seek any of these things. With all these safeguards and the additional safeguard that every ordinance passed is subject to disallowance at home, what possible argument can be advanced in defence in depriving those of the community who have a vote at home of a vote here?—(Applause.) I ask you therefore to confirm the principles enunciated in these resolutions which will lead to unofficial control of our legislature—a control which is more necessary now than it ever was before when we see instances of squanderous and reckless expenditure going on all round.—(Applause.) These are no new principles. In 1884 a similar petition to that which we now intend to present was presented to the House of Commons and signed by most of the leading residents of the Colony. In 1894 the revenue of the Colony was about two millions. Now it is about eighteen millions. In 1884 the Colony consisted of the island of Hongkong, with no motor road, and a small promontory of Tsingtao. There was no New Territories. The building in which we are assembled was on the sea front and nobody could foretell the great changes time would evolve. Now that we are a very important section of the Empire we say the time is long past for us to be absolutely controlled, not even by the whim of a band of officials—because the voice of the officials is governed by the voice of one man—but that we should no longer be departmentally governed. I ask you to endorse these resolutions.—(Applause.) The resolutions were then put to the meeting and declared carried.

FORMAL BUSINESS.

The formal business of the meeting was then proceeded with, the Chairman presenting the annual report and statement of accounts.

Mr. POLLOCK pointed out that during the year the Association had interested itself in various matters of public interest. In conjunction with the Kowloon Residents Association they had called that afternoon's public meeting on the question of rates and they looked forward to co-operating with them still further in the future. He had no doubt that in the near future they would be able to find many subjects on which their co-operation would be desirable, and he trusted that the combined voice of the two organisations would carry due weight. As regards membership, they would see that it stood at present at 288, and the committee earnestly hoped that members would assist by getting in new members and also by handing in their yearly subscription of £1 to the Honorary Treasurer. From the statement of accounts they would observe that the Association started the year with a balance of £174.50 and finished up with a cash balance of £89.02. He would like to express the gratitude of the Association to the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Williams), and also to the acting honorary treasurer (Mr. Blair). He would also like to express the thanks of the committee and the members of the Association to their Honorary Secretary (Mr. L. M. Whyte), who had worked very hard in their interests during the year. He was glad to say that Mr. Whyte had kindly consented to stand again as Honorary Secretary, as also had Mr. Williams agreed to stand again as Honorary Treasurer. He moved that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. J. O. HUGHES seconded the motion, which was carried *en masse*.

Mr. J. O. HUGHES, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Pollock as President of the Association, said he need not tell members the amount of work Mr. Pollock had done, or the interest he had taken in the affairs of the Association. When the proper time came no doubt they would have an opportunity of expressing to him their appreciation of his valuable services. He only hoped that they would have the honour of having Mr. Pollock as their President during the ensuing year.

Mr. DOWTY seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Pollock briefly thanked members and stated that he would endeavour in the future to deserve their tributes.

The CHAIRMEN then proposed the election as Vice-President of Mr. Alabaster whose public services were, he said, well known to all. Personally he was anxious to secure Mr. Alabaster's valuable services on account of the various municipal matters in connection with which they intended to extend their programme.

Mr. M. F. AIREY seconded the resolution and it was carried.

The re-election of Mr. L. M. Whyte as honorary secretary was agreed to on the motion of Mr. STEVENSON, seconded by Mr. PATTENDEN.

The CHAIRMEN then proposed the re-election of Mr. E. A. M. Williams as treasurer. Mr. JOSEPH seconded, and the motion was agreed to. Mr. Pollock pointed out that to Mr. Williams and to the acting honorary treasurer (Mr. Blair) the Association owed a deep debt of gratitude for much hard work performed during the year.

Mr. H. A. Cartwright proposed the election of the Committee.

Mr. CRAWFORD seconded.

Mr. W. L. PATTENDEN proposed that Mr. Cartwright's name be added to the list.

Mr. JACKSON seconded, and also proposed that Capt. Wheeler and Mr. Frost be appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Whyte seconded this.

The additional names were accepted and the Committee was appointed as follows:

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. C. Forsyth, Meers, J. P. Braga, A. G. Coplin, W. A. Dowdy, C. Montague Ede, D. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, A. S. D. Curland, H. B. L. Dovibgin, W. Jackson, J. Owen Hughes, F. A. Joseph, A. R. Lowe, Evan Ormiston, W. L. Patten, E. D. Scott, D. V. Stevenson, H. A. Cartwright, B. L. Frost, and Captain T. T. Wheeler.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

MAY 13.—D. L.	Hai Long.
15.—O. S. K.	Kai Lo Maru.
17.—D. L.	Hai Long.
17.—I.C.S.N.	Tungshing.
19.—O. S. K.	Soo Lo Maru.
20.—D. L.	Hai Ching.
21.—I.C.S.N.	Chunsaang.

AMOY.

MAY 13.—D. L.	Hai Long.
14.—C. N.	Tan.
15.—O. S. K.	Kai Lo Maru.
17.—D. L.	Hai Long.
19.—O. S. K.	Soo Lo Maru.
20.—C. N.	Sunning.
20.—D. L.	Hai Ching.

FOOCHOW.

MAY 13.—D. L.	Hai Long.
17.—D. L.	Hai Long.
20.—D. L.	Hai Ching.

SHANGHAI.

MAY 13.—C. N.	Soo Chow.
14.—C. N.	Tsin Ki.
14.—I.C.J.L.	Nippon.
14.—C. N.	Soo Yang.
14.—C. N.	Chinkiang.
17.—C. N.	Szechuan.
17.—I.C.S.N.	Tungshing.
19.—C. N.	Soo Ching.
24.—B. F.	Asiatic.
25.—P. & O.	Wells.
27.—M. M.	Pan Loct.
7.—P. & O.	Delta.

WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOU.

MAY 13.—C. N.	Kueichow.
17.—C. N.	Chihsing.

TIENTSIN.

MAY 13.—I.C.S.N.	Chihsing.
19.—C. N.	Kueichow.

KEELUNG.

MAY 13.—O. S. K.	Kai Lo Maru.
17.—O. S. K.	Soo Lo Maru.

TAKAO.

MAY 13.—O. S. K.	Soo Lo Maru.
17.—O. S. K.	Szechuan.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

MAY 13.—I.C.S.N.	Lorang.
22.—C. N.	Kai Loong.

SAIGON.

MAY 25.—A. L.	Lake Onawa.
31.—M. M.	André Lebon.
31.—O. S. K.	Kishu Maru.

VALPARAISO.

JUNE 21.—A. L.	Glymont.
21.—O. S. K.	Chihsing.

SINGAPORE.

MAY 19.—A. L.	Lake Onawa.
21.—J.C.J.L.	Tsleebot.
31.—O. S. K.	Kishu Maru.
31.—C. M.	Nile.
JULY 21.—C. M.	China.

BANGKOK.

MAY 24.—I.C.S.N.	Chubang.
31.—O. S. K.	Kishu Maru.

MANILA.

MAY 13.—I.C.S.N.	Loonggang.
14.—A. L.	Wentches.
21.—A. L.	Abercos.

JAPAN PORTS, ETC.

JUNE 4.—C. M.	Nanking.
21.—A. L.	Wentches.

DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

MAY 15.—O. S. K.	Rio de Janeiro.
22.—J. C. J. L.	Tsleebot.
31.—N. Y. K.	Singapore.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

MAY 14.—I.C.S.N.	Laisang.
21.—B. F.	Arakan Apara.
June 1.—B. F.	Tanda.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May 22.—O. S. K.	Indo Maru.
22.—N. Y. K.	Tajima Maru.
June 3.—O. S. K.	Hague Maru.

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SILESIAN SITUATION GRAVE.

GERMAN FORCE OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS ASSEMBLES.

A SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT.

LONDON, May 11.

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Polish insurgents in Silesia number 60,000. Besides the Pless and Rybnik districts they are established at Lubnitz and Rosenberg. The report that a German force of some thousands, including deserters from the Reichswehr, is assembling near Rosenberg is regarded as a serious development. It is recognised that the Germans have hitherto shown the greatest self-restraint but the good impression their attitude has made in authoritative British circles would be neutralised by an attempt to appeal to force. A very serious view is taken of the attitude of the Warsaw Government and recent happenings are strengthening the conviction that the extreme gravity of the position is imperfectly appreciated at Warsaw.

A SERIOUS FEATURE.

LONDON, May 11.

A serious feature of the Silesian revolt is the possibility of allied differences. There is little doubt that Korfany's adventure was planned and carried out under the blessing, if not with the connivance, of the Polish Government which was disappointed with the result of the plebiscite and feared a partition which would give Germany her fair share of the coal-fields. There is already talk of resignation of the Italian and British members of the plebiscite commission owing to the attitude of the French troops who have received the insurgents in a friendly fashion, leaving the Italians and British to bear the whole brunt of the trouble.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

A STRING OF QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

MATTER FOR IMPERIAL CABINET.

LONDON, May 11.

In the House of Commons Mr. Neil Maclean asked whether the Government intended to renew the Anglo-Japanese Treaty; whether the terms of the Treaty would be submitted to the House of Commons for ratification; whether the Government would insist on Japan recognising her obligations to maintain the independence and territorial integrity of Korea and China; whether restoration would be made of Korea's national institutions; and whether the cancellation of the Chinese and Japanese treaty resulting in Japan's ultimatum to China in May of 1915 would be made conditions of the Treaty.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that the question of renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance would be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Imperial Cabinet. He was unable at present to make a statement on the matter.

Commander Kenworthy: Will there be an opportunity for discussion in the House of Commons before final ratification?

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that he could not make pledges hampering the treaty powers of the Crown but the Government would give information to the House of Commons as soon as it properly could.

EXPORT CREDITS SCHEME.

QUESTION OF EXTENSION TO BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

LONDON, May 11.

In the House of Commons Major Sir P. Lloyd Greame asked Mr. F. At Macquisten to repeat his question after Whitson whether the Government intended to extend the export credit scheme for Europe to the British possessions, particularly India, the Far East, British East Africa, and Australasia. Mr. Macquisten also asked the Government to consult the banks established in London with branches overseas before committing itself in order to avoid heavy losses to merchants and the Government.

DAMAGED INDIAN MAILED.

THE BULK ALREADY DELIVERED.

LONDON, May 11.

In the House of Commons, replying to Capt. William Shaw, Mr. Kellaway said that no delay had occurred here in dealing with the mail from India arriving in London on April 20 which was damaged by a gale in the Mediterranean. The bulk had been delivered within a couple of days but some damaged postal packets were still being forwarded from Marseilles.

THEFT OF PEARLS.

JAPANESE TRICKED.

ALLEGED THIEF CHARGED.

How a Japanese was robbed of \$1,000 worth of imitation pearls and twelve hand mirrors valued at \$1 each, was related in Magistrate Lindell today when a Chinese was charged with theft by means of a trick. The complainant, a shopkeeper of Canton Road, Kowloon, said the case until to-morrow morning.

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There will be one delivery from District Offices at noon.

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INWARD MAILED.

From THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Straits — Shidzo Maru

FRIDAY, MAY 13. —

EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London 7th & 14th April) — China

SATURDAY, MAY 14. — Kamo Maru

Japan and Shanghai — Calcutta & Straits — Kita Maru

Shanghai — Szechuan — Yangtze River — West Jetzer

SUNDAY, MAY 15. —

Japan and Shanghai — West Jetzer

OUTWARD MAILED.

For THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Talies — 4 p.m.

Hydrante — 4 p.m.

Leungkong — 4 p.m.

Mohon — 5 p.m.

Soochow — 5 p.m.

Tesser — 5 p.m.

Benzene — 5 p.m.

Huancheng — 5 p.m.

Yangtsekiang — 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Amyo, "Shanghai North China and Japan" — Ariztoos Apac — 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China — Japan — 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amyo and Foochow — Haifong — 11 a.m.

Chihaya Maru — 1 p.m.

Loongzang — 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Dairon, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, "United States" Central & South America & Europe via SAN FRANCISCO, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 8 a.m.

Shanghai and North China — Japan — 11 a.m.

Straits, "Bangkok, Calcutta & ADEN" — Tsimshians — 1 p.m.

Straits, "Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dharmahkodi, Bombay, Aden, Egypt, & Europe via MASSEY'S, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, May 14th at Noon.

Sagion — Phnompenh — 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 15. — Kajio Maru — 9 a.m.

Japan, Honolulu and "SAN FRANCISCO" — Seijo Maru — 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16. —

Java and Port Moresby via Batavia — Tjondari — 9 a.m.

Tsinan — 9 a.m.